Use of IAF planes/helicopters by the Prime Minister

885. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister is entitled to requisition and use INF planes and helicopters;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Prime Minister has requisitioned and used IAF planes and helicopters during February, 1990; and

(c) if so, the total distance which the IAF aircraft have against his requisitions during the aforesaid period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The total distance covered was 19,140 Kms.

Therapeutic value of garlic

886. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any R&D work was carried out on therapeutic value of garlic in the forties; if so, the details therefor;

(b) whether R&D work on garlic has been continued in India and elsewhere since then; if so, the findings including the work done in ICMR/ICAR/CSIR laboratories;

(c) whether garlic preparations have found a place as a regular remedy; and

(d) whether any Government/Public Sector Units are manufacturing/Marketing these curative medicines; if so, the details thereof, indicating price-structure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The R&D work on the therapeutic values of garlic pertains among others to its cholestrol lowering activity, antibacterial & antibiotic properties, and the curative values for dyspepsia and arthritis. The findings have been that garlic oil has the possibility of lowering cholestrol.

(c) Garlic preparations/extracts are used in the Indian system of medicine.

(d) As per the information available, a unit in the Private Sector is manufacturing/marketing the essential oil extract of garlic in the form of capsules.

Soviet offer of fighter aircraft for India

887. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Soviet Union has offered its latest fighter aircraft to India for air defence; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the offer and the Indian Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Meeting between Minister of State for Environment and Forests and West German Development Minister

888. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of State for Environment and Forests had a

meeting with the West German Development Minister recently; if so, what were the issues discussed between the two;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Minister of State had protested against the construction of big dams and requested the West German Government not to disburse funds for the Narmada Sardar Sarovar Project in Gujarat and the Narmada Sarovar Project in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether Government have received representations in this regard; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The following main issues were discussed in the meeting held between the Minister of State for Environment and Forests and Mr. Hans-Peter Repnik, Parliamentary Secretary, Federal Republic of Germany:

—Bilateral cooperation between the two countries on projects for protection and management of wildlife sanctuaries and control of automobile pollution.

—Need for incorporating environmental aspects in development projects so that environment and development go hand in hand;

—Need for public awareness regarding environmental protection; and

—Certain global environmental issues like green house effect and ozone depletion.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) A communication had been received to this effect but it had no factual basis.

889. [*Transferred to the 23rd March*, 1990]

शहरी क्षेत्रों में स्कूली छात्रों द्वारा नशीले पदार्थों का सेवन

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(क) क्या सरकार को इस तथ्य की जानकारी है कि शहरी क्षेत्रों में स्कूलों के छात्र नशीले पदार्थों (ड्रग्स) का सेवन करने लगे हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां; तो सरकार द्वारा कम उम्र के बालकों को इस व्यसन से बचाने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री साथ में मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा विभाग में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (प्रो० एम० ओ० के० मेनन) : (क) सरकार को स्कूली छात्रों की कुछ श्रेणियों में नशीले पदार्थों के सेवन की जानकारी है लेकिन कोई सही आंकड़े उपलब्ध नहीं हैं ।

(ख) नशीले पदार्थों के सेवन से हानिकारक परिणामों के बारे में छात्रों में जागरूकता पैदा करने के उपाय किए जा रहे हैं । इनमें जन-संचार माध्यम का उपयोग करना तथा पाठ्यपुस्तकों में उपयुक्त विषयों का समावेशन शामिल है। "मानसिक स्वास्थ्य, सेवन और समुदाय स्वास्थ्य" नामक एक अध्याय 1989 में राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक अनुसंधान प्रशिक्षण परिषद् द्वारा प्रकाशित कक्षा-12 के लिए जीव विज्ञान पाठ्यपुस्तक में शामिल किया गया है । इसी प्रकार तंबाकू, शराब, और नशीले पदार्थों के सेवन के बुरे परिणामों के संबंध में एक भाग अध्याय "स्वास्थ्य"

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